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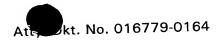
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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The relevance of the documents A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A10, A12, A13, and A15 is described in the present specification.

Documents A6, A7, A8, A11, and A14 were cited in the International Search Report in the Applicants' International Application PCT/EP00/05180. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the Examiner is attached.

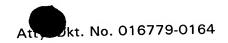
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